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**Registration and Title Bulletin # 016-12**  
**General Information**

**TO:** All County Tax Assessor-Collectors

**SUBJECT:** No Death Certificate Required for Heirship Affidavit

**PURPOSE**

To advise that a death certificate is not required when transferring a vehicle title using an heirship affidavit.

**DETAILS**

Under Transportation Code, Section 501.074, the department shall issue a new title for a motor vehicle for which the ownership is transferred by operation of law. In some situations involving a deceased owner, the heirs may sell, transfer or assign ownership of a motor vehicle using Form VTR-262, "*Affidavit of Heirship for a Motor Vehicle*." The deceased owner's death certificate is not required and should not be requested to transfer ownership when this affidavit is submitted.

**COUNTY ACTION**

Advise all staff that a death certificate may not be required with an heirship affidavit when the application for title is supported by a properly completed Form VTR-262.

**CONTACT**

If you have any questions, please contact your local TxDMV Regional Service Center.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Randy Elliston".

Randy Elliston, Director  
Vehicle Titles and Registration Division